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and Fifteen*

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Newark Tech

Ms. Morales





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**Class of 2015**







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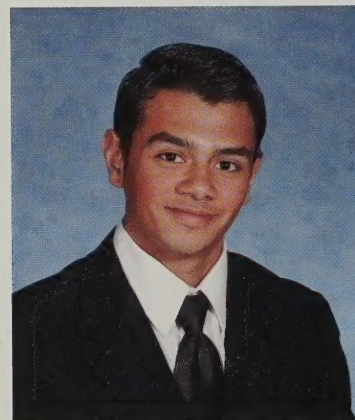
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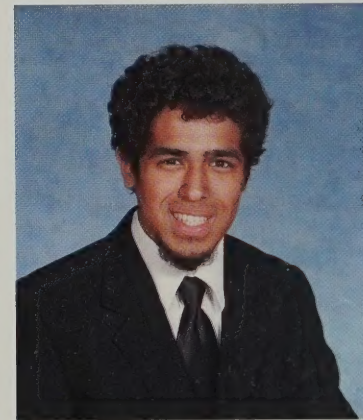
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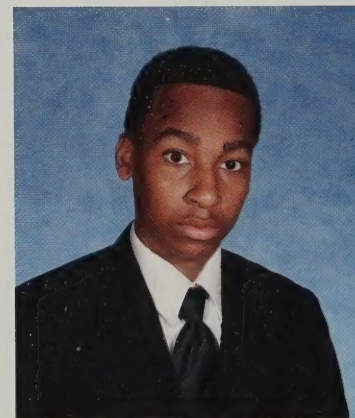
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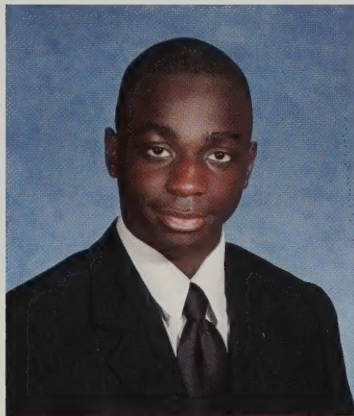
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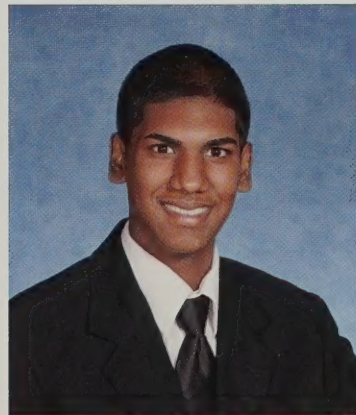
Mabel Cerrate



Nicole Cervantes



Cassidy Charles



Devendra Chrisandut

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Nikusubila Clark-Mitchell



Adjoa (Osu) Cofie



Al-Rashid Coleman



Diego Contreras



Imani Conway



Ronny Corcino



Hiawns Crespo



Melanie Cuevas



C'arah Davis



Yasin Dawkins



Sarah Diakite



Xinyi Dong





Deja Douglas



Haja Dukureh



Vanessa Dutan



Mariam Egberongbe



Yarissa Escanio



Darleny Espinal



Zahiyah Evans



Lexington Fils



Tareyana Flood-Taylor



Aurys Gomez



Doris Gomez



Tamera Gordon

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Alexis Green



Tahtaiyona Griffin



Ryan Harris



Tamara Harris



Rhodtanaisha Harrison



Massarad Hayes



Ambar Hichez



Averyana Hill



Anaya Holbert



Marquite Hollis-Suber



Jacyah Holmes



Naj-La' Hopper





Markland Hunter



Osaretin Igbinovia



Aaliyah Jackson



Antione Jackson



Imani Jackson



Jean Jacques



Caleb James



Shaina Jefferson



Corey Jennings



Anijae Johnson



Mataya Johnson



Nicole Johnson

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Munah Jones



Tyler Jones



Al-Quan Kane



Sherri Karbbar



Lethissia Kenfack



Destiny Kennedy



Asia King



Trudie Lamby



Jenell Lassiter



Sha'daia Leach-Smith



Deyonna Lewis



Tyania Lewis





La-Travis Lovett



Na-Daza Mack



Al-Tarik Mack Jr



Mariely Made



Noellia Makridakis



Odanuili Marine



Christelle Marseille



Anabell Martinez



Rony Martinez



Nathan Mason



Vladimir Massillon



Luis Mateo

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Ashley McKinnon



Ny'ae McMillan



Jada McNeil



Ariel Melendez



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Lydia Negrón



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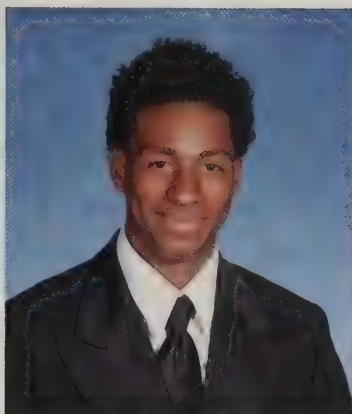




Andrea Ojeda



Anthony Okyere



Jidek Olivo



Michael Olivo



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Joana Orellana



Kristine Osuji



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Jurod Page



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Estherlene Phanord

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David Phelps



Kyle Pilgrim



Bria Pitts



Mike Polanco



Shaquayjah Proctor



Nyajah Ragland



Ernesto Reyes



Sequoia Richardson



David Roberts



Camilla Robinson



Isaac Rodriguez



Michelle Rodriguez





Luis Rojas



Sindy Romero



Steve Roopnarine



Mariela Roque



Al-Qadir Rush



Vanessa Saintil



Natasha Samuel



Luzelenia Santiago



Benjamin Sar



Marcus Sergeant



Matias Silva



Breianna Simpkins

# *Seniors*



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Janeyah Smith



Shanna Smith



Shanell Solomon



Anahi Sosa



Pedro Sotolongo



Rapheleita Spence



Armani Super



Efua Tachie-Menson



Deafen Taylor



Shiann Thomas



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Diana Vicente



Clark Webb



Jaquan Webster



Alexis Wertz



Laquan Williams



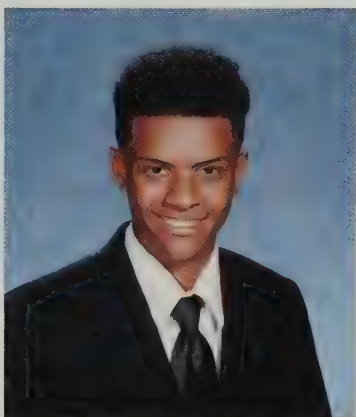
Assata Wilson



Walker Wilson



Brianna Wood



Jahson Wright



Jordan Zagadou

# Seniors











# Administration and Office Staff



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Principal



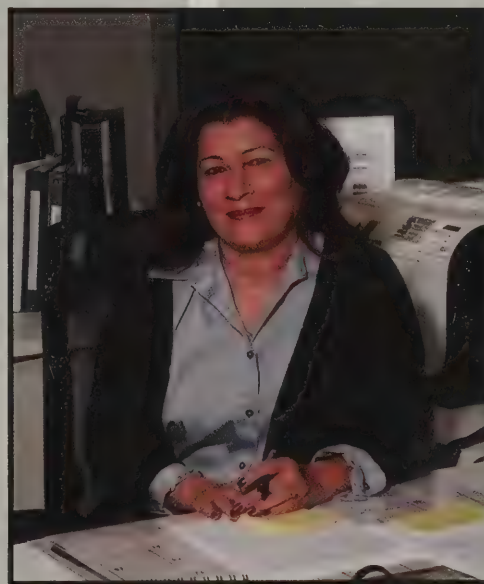
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Secretary

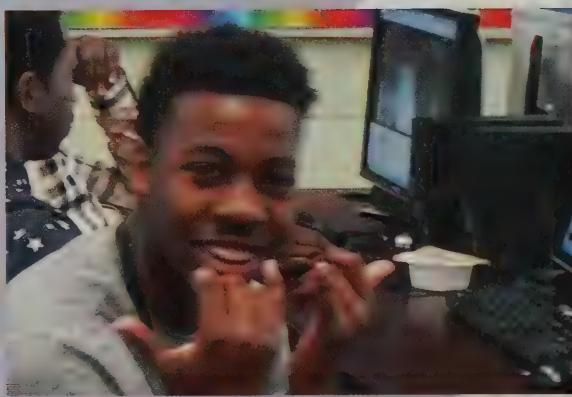
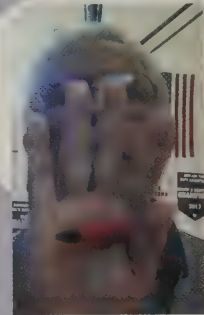
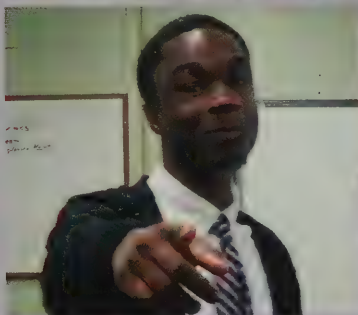
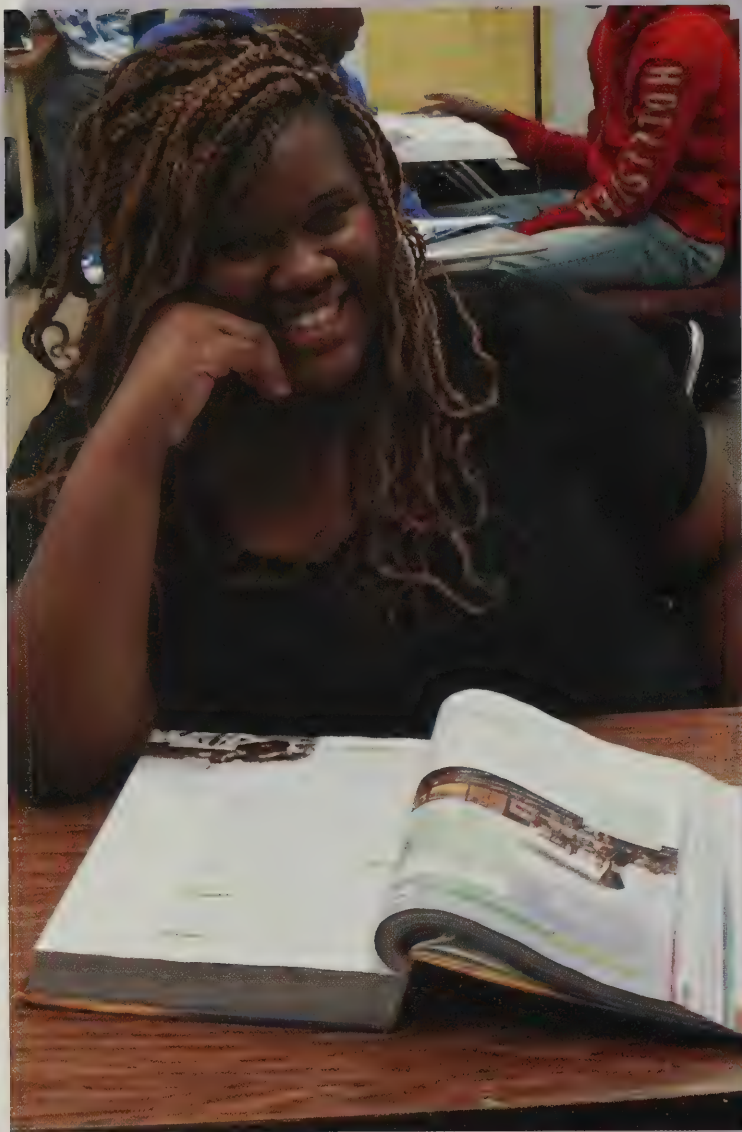
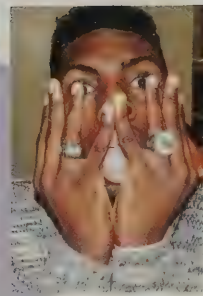


**Ms. Colon**  
Secretary





Spotlight on  
Anty: "It's  
just high  
school."



Spotlight on  
Wertz: "Going through  
challenges can be the  
toughest battle. But  
knowing who you are  
will make you a survivor."







My name? Let me think about that one.



Spotlight on Walker Wilson:  
"Remember this face...it'll be famous someday."



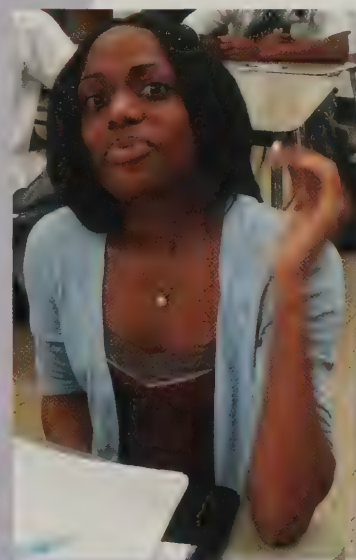
Spotlight on Munah Jones:  
"Where is my purple mirror?"

You've got to hand it  
to us...we're too cool

For the  
Camera



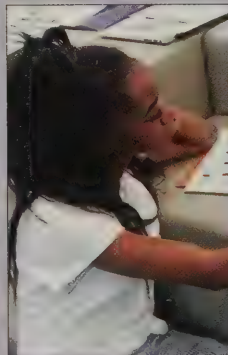
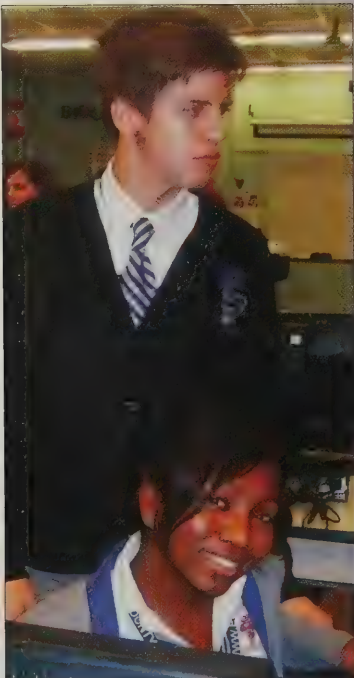
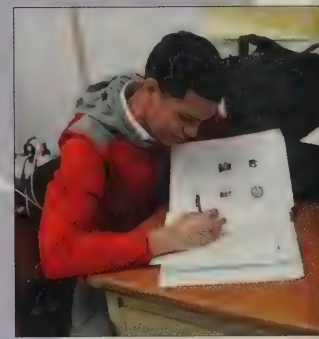
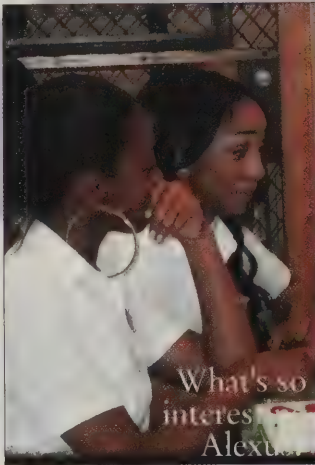
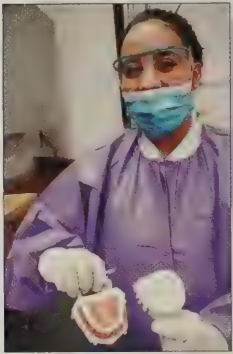
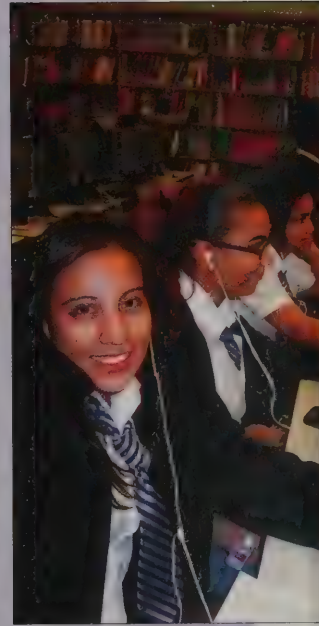
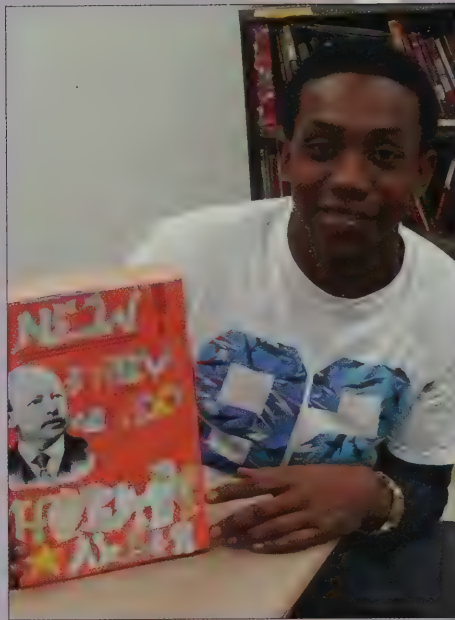
Antoine Jackson  
aka Juice Man



Spotlight on Averyana Hill: "He loves me, he loves me not."



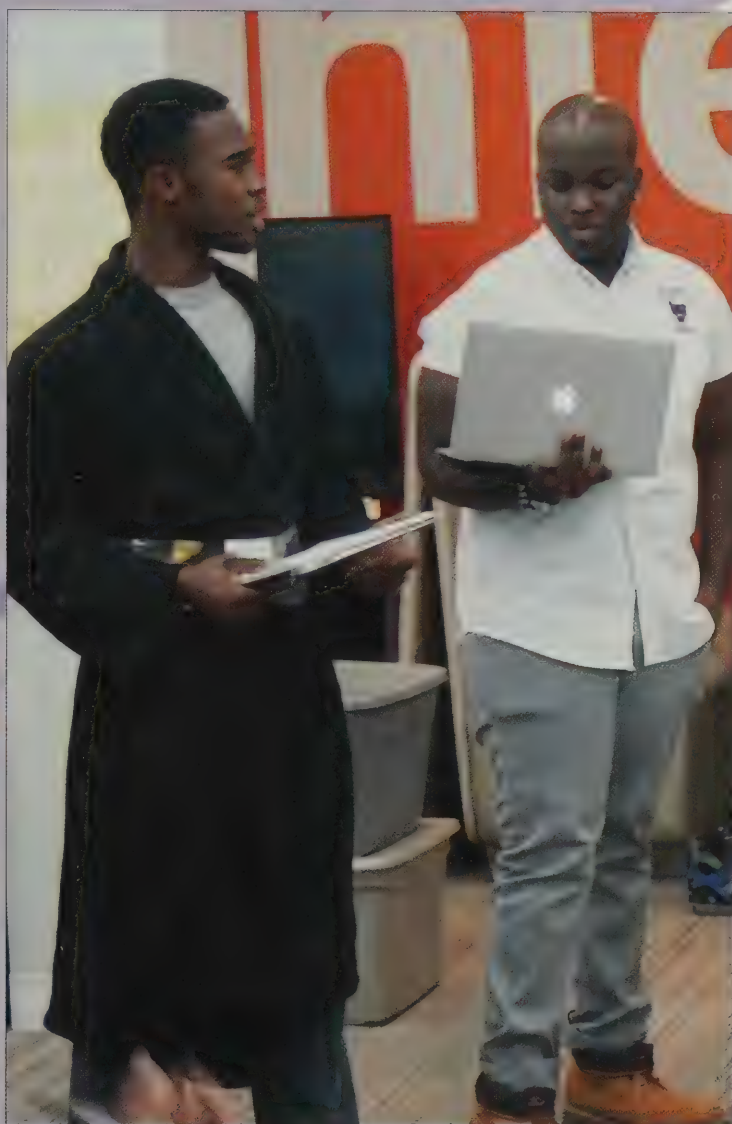
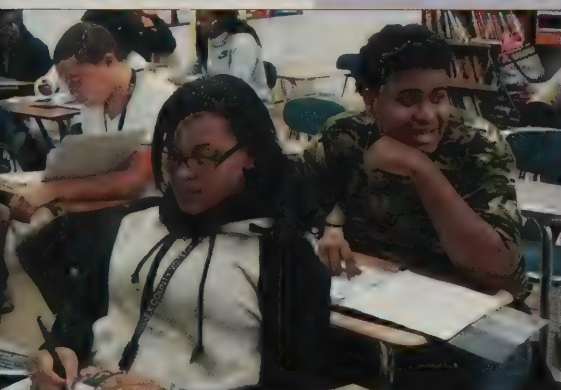
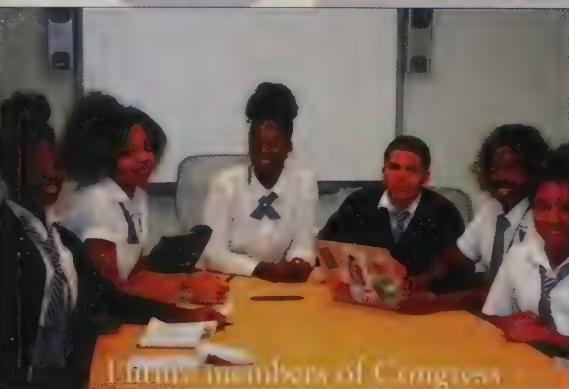
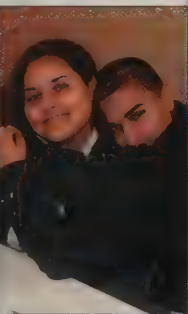
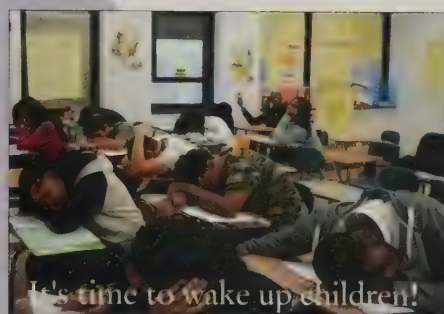
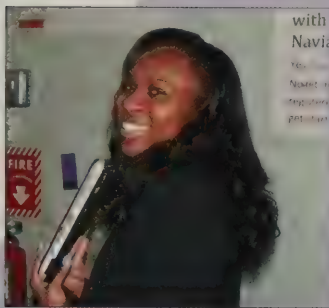
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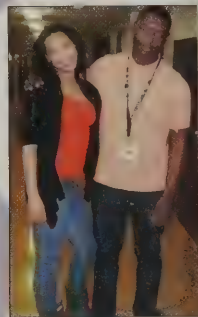
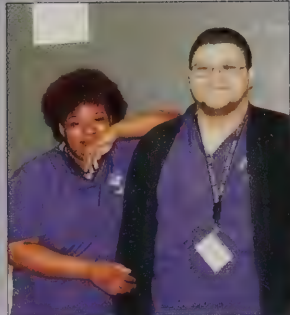
Asia, are you getting a massage or are you two studying?

# Work it Out

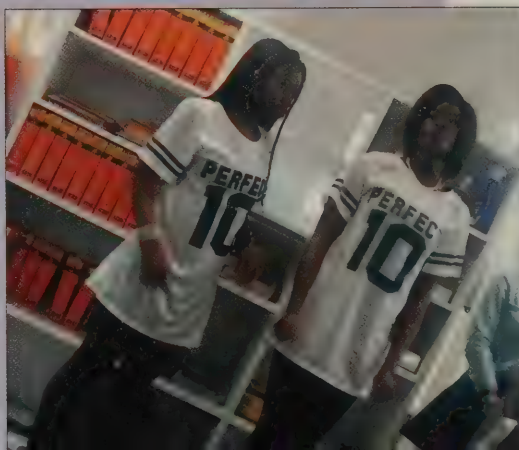




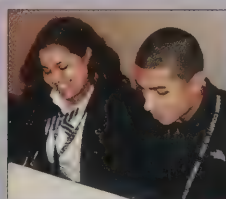




# Fall Spirit Week







# Twin Day



# FALL SPORTS

## Cross Country Volleyball

Thanks Coach Fren!





# And Soccer



Thanks Coach Ramos!

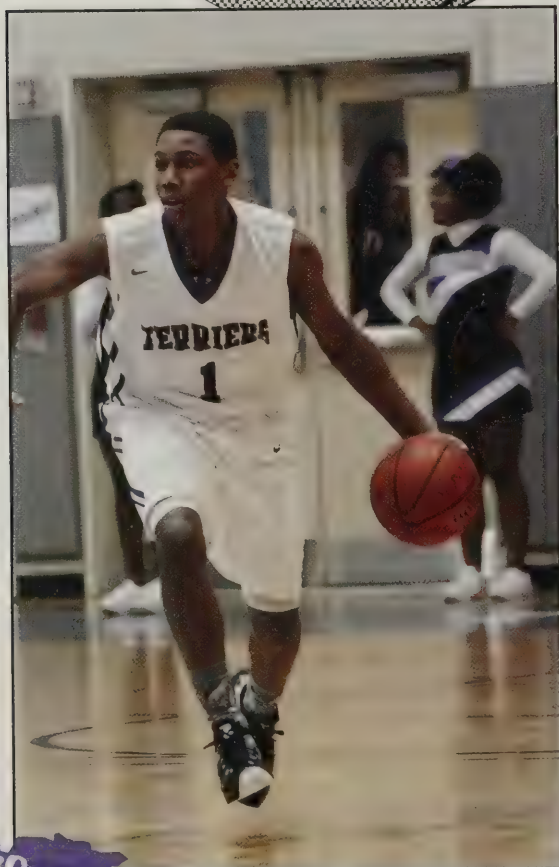






# Group 2 State Champions!

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# Basketball



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State Championship game





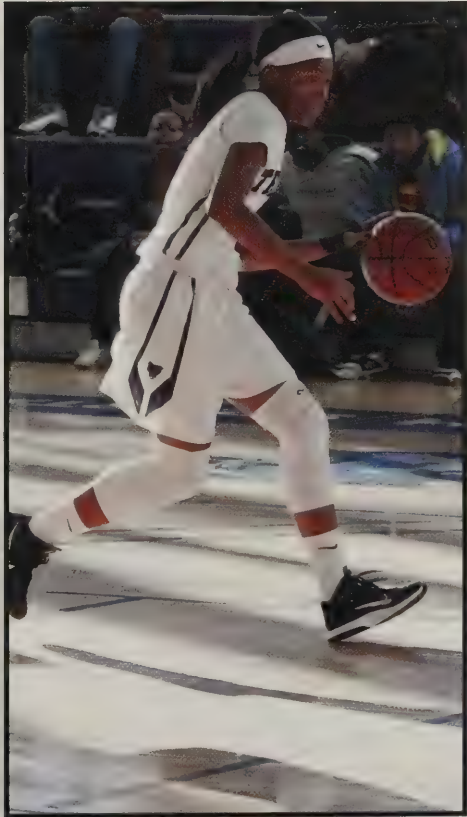
# Girls Basketball



**North 2  
Group 2  
Champions!**

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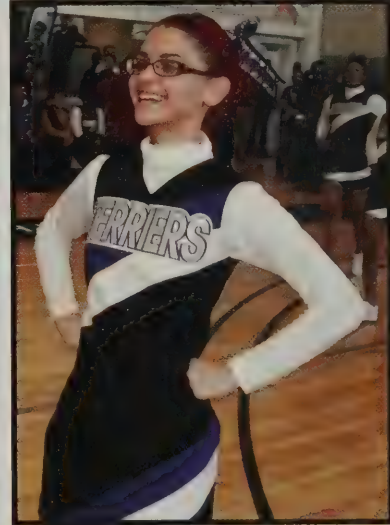
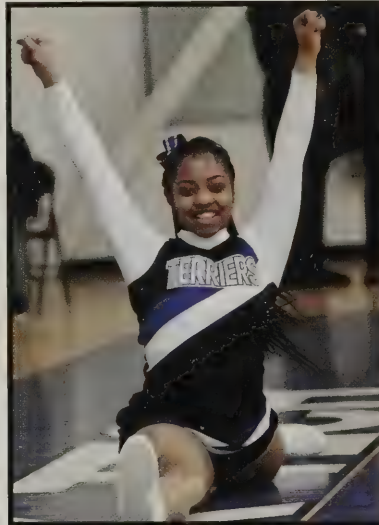
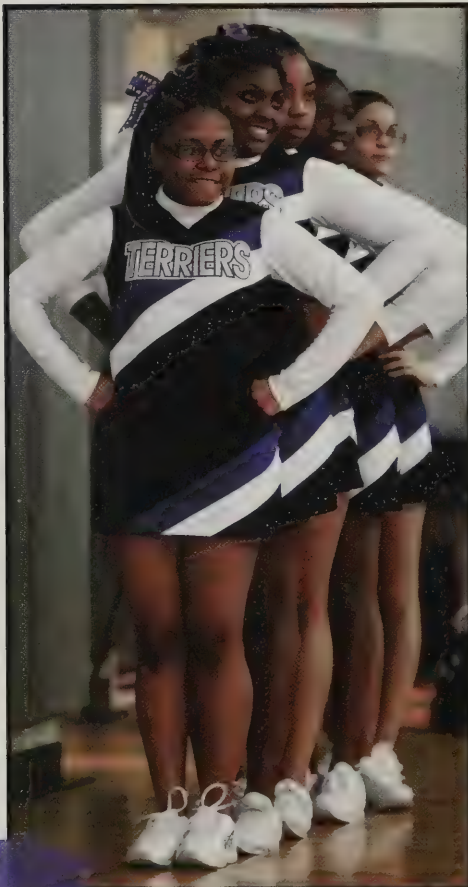
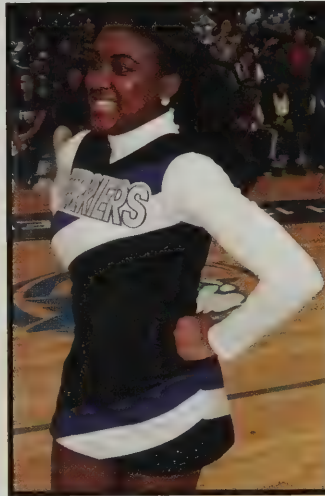






Ambar  
Noellia  
Estherlene  
Shiann  
Zahiyah  
Vanessa  
Sha'Daia  
Raphelaita

CHEERLEADER



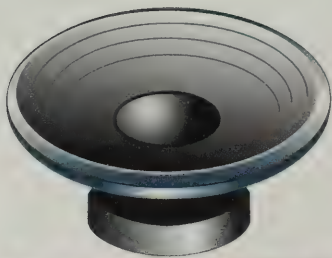




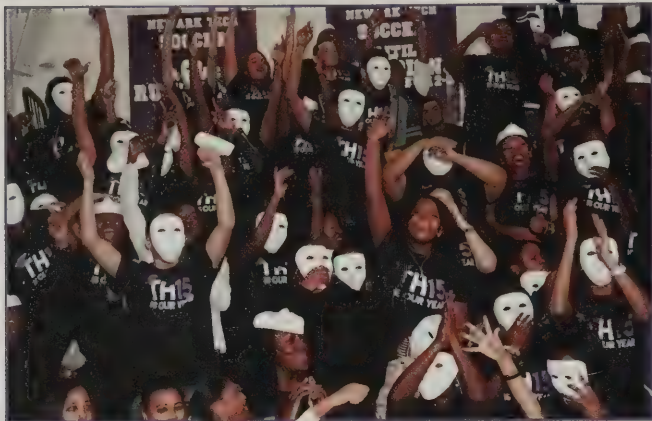
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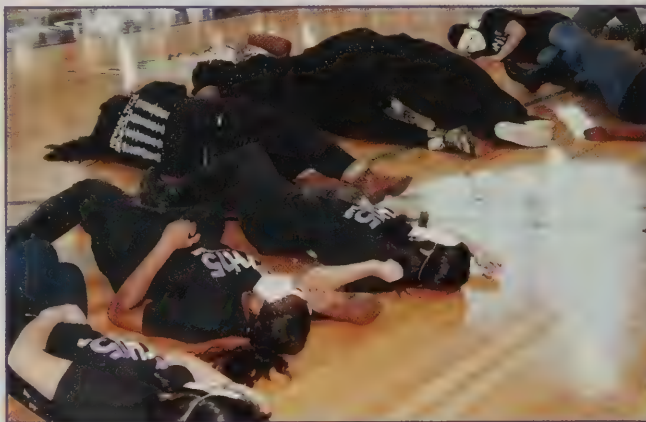




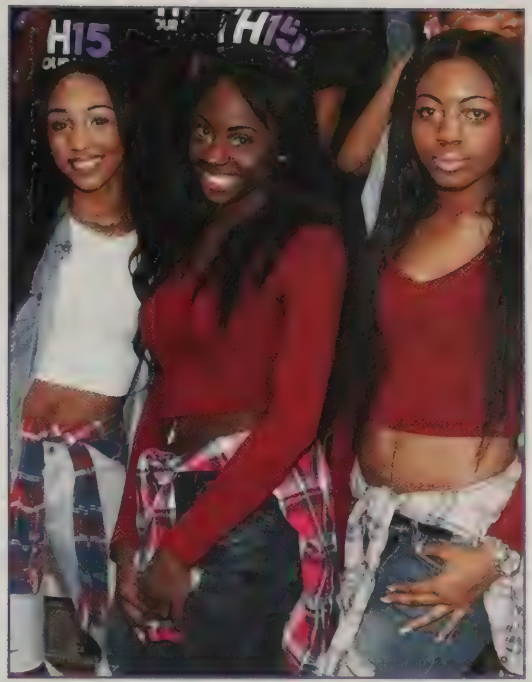
Turn  
it Up!



# Winter Pep Rally











# Spring Spirit Week





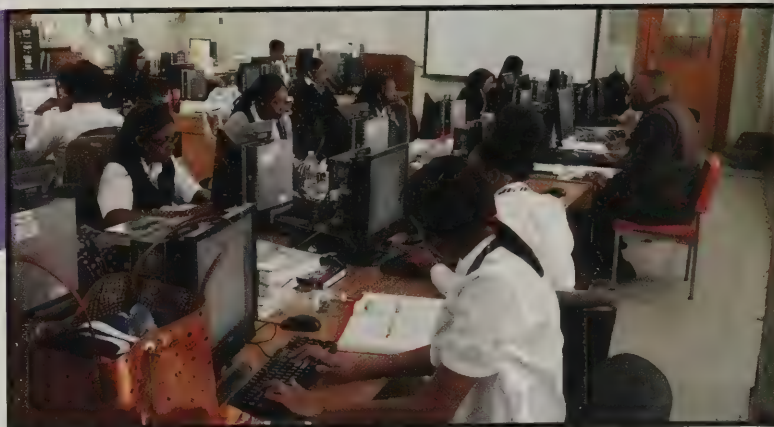
# Superheroes and PJ's





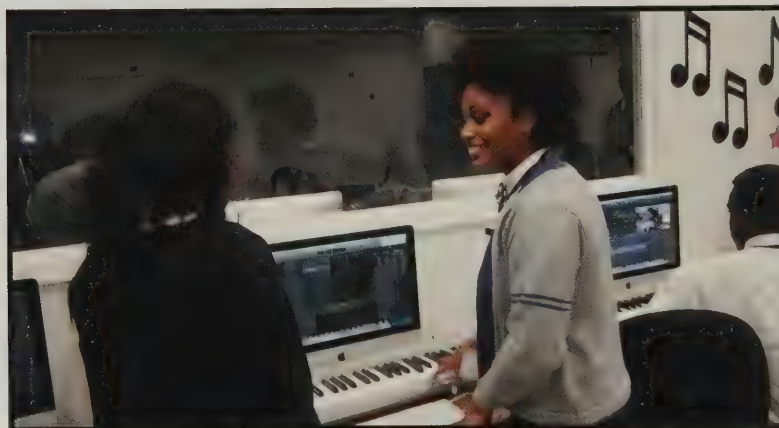
# Sampling of our CTE's

Business-Mr. Turner



CAD Drafting-Mr. Lester

Music Production-  
Mr. McCune



Auto Tech-Mr. Scaler



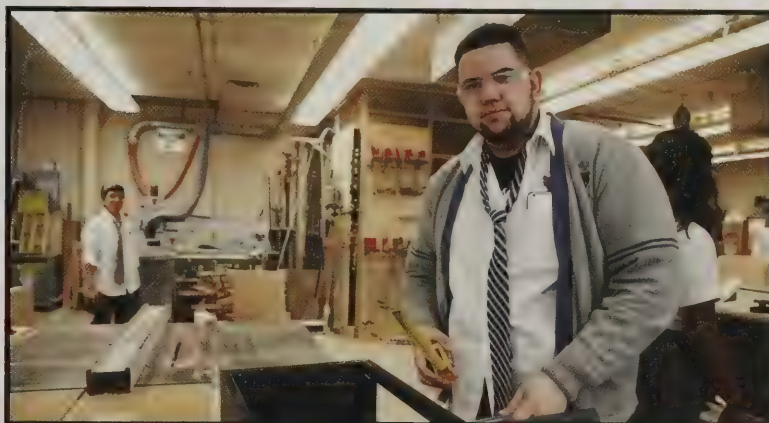


Welding-Mr. Rasheed

Wow, Fanes!

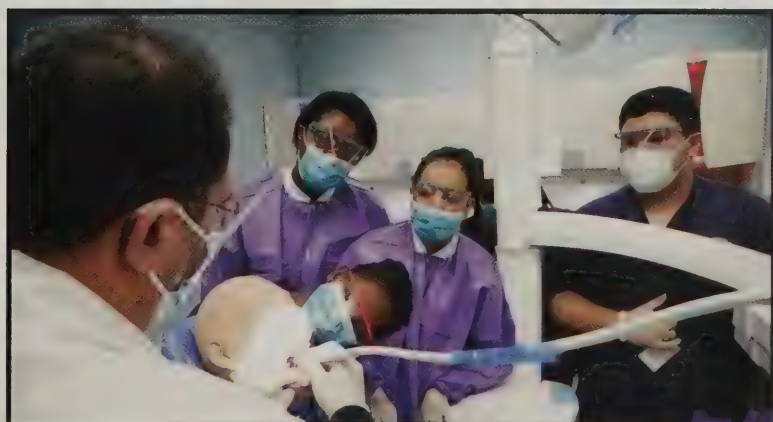


Carpentry-Mr. White



Nursing-Ms. Howard

Dentistry-Dr. Masri





# They did it again!!



## "3 Peat"



Photo Credits: LaDonna



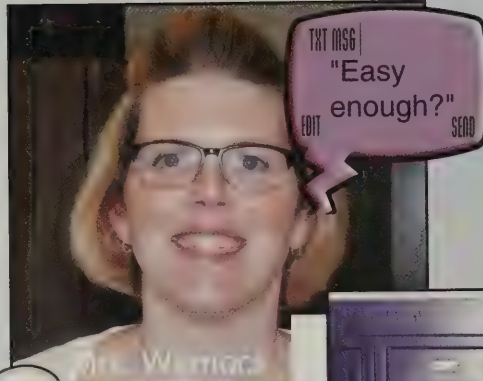


*Thanks Coach Joe*



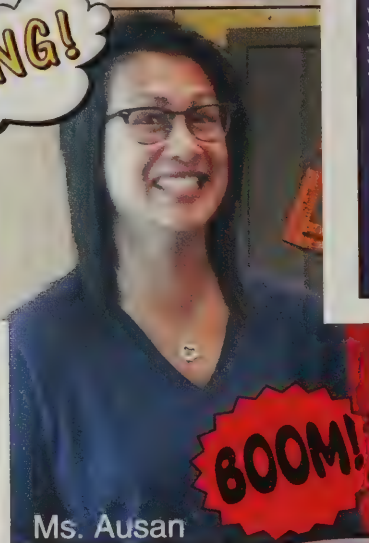


# Senior Academic Teachers...



**BANG!**

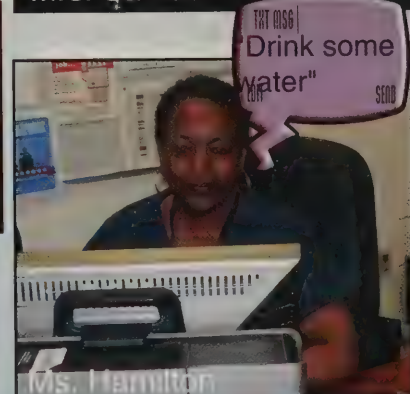
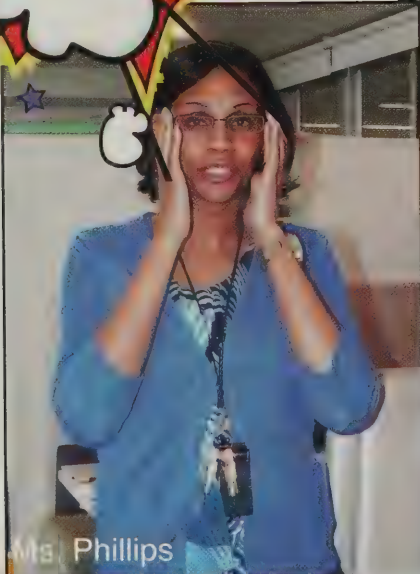
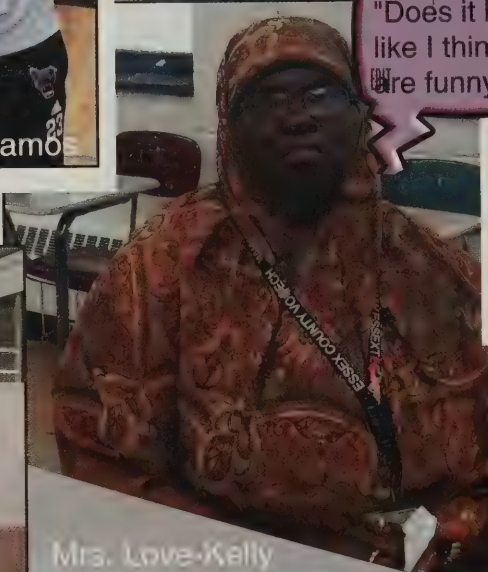
TXT MSG | Mr. Jones, their not running!" SEND



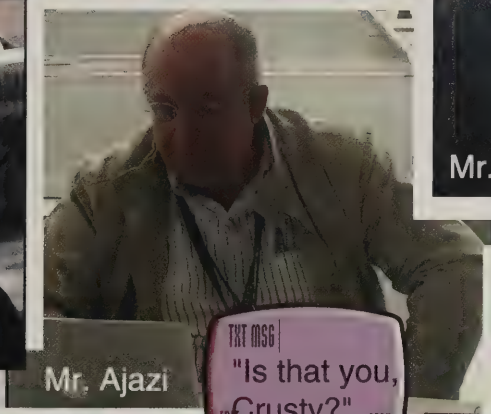
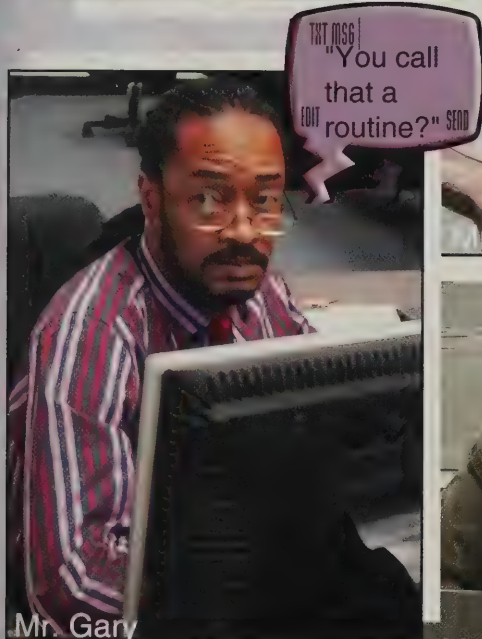
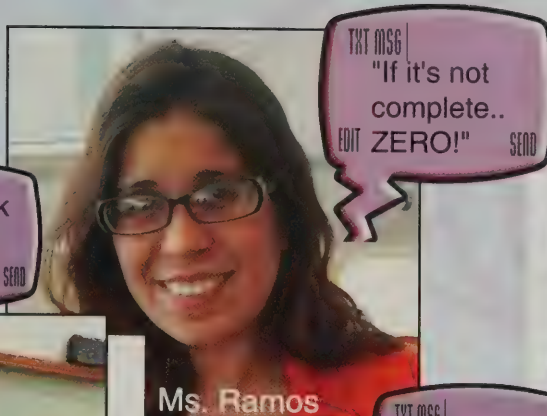
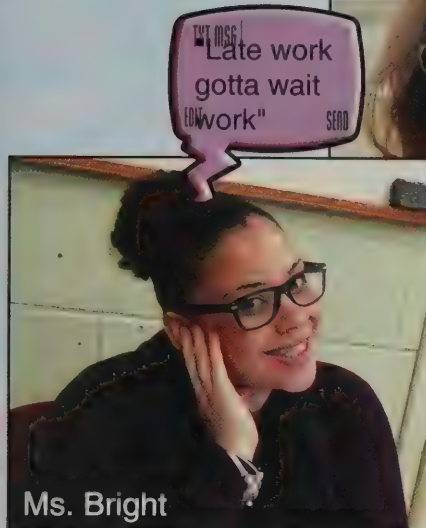
What the...now I've heard it all!"



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And Our Favorite Nurse

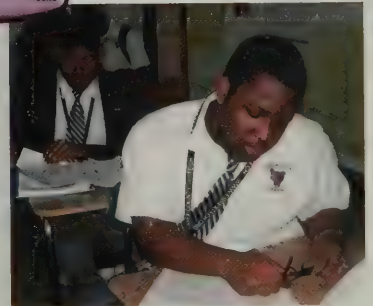
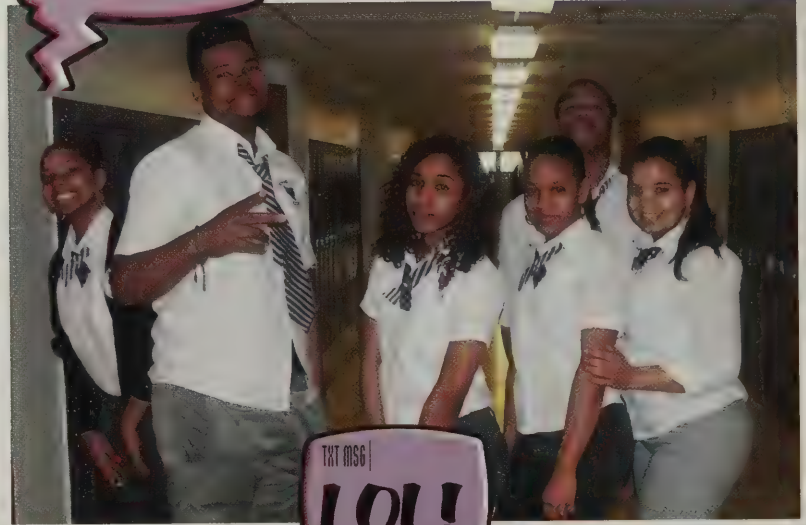
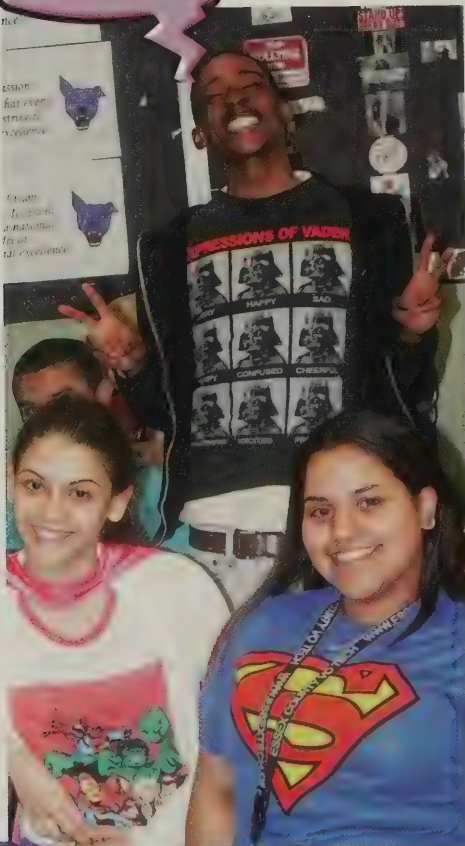




# You've been Photobombed

Where are my Cheez-Its?

They have no idea I am back here!







TXT MSG |

**LOL!**

EDIT

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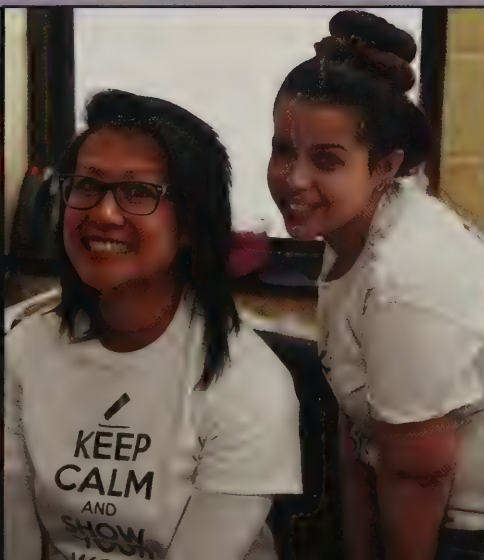
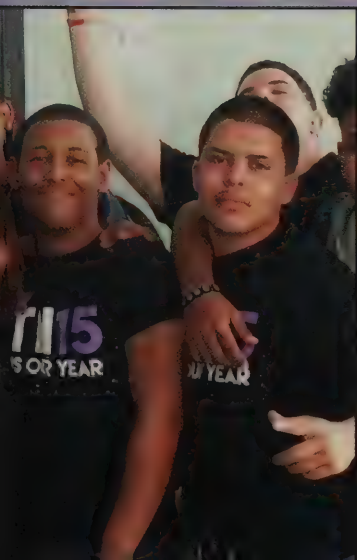
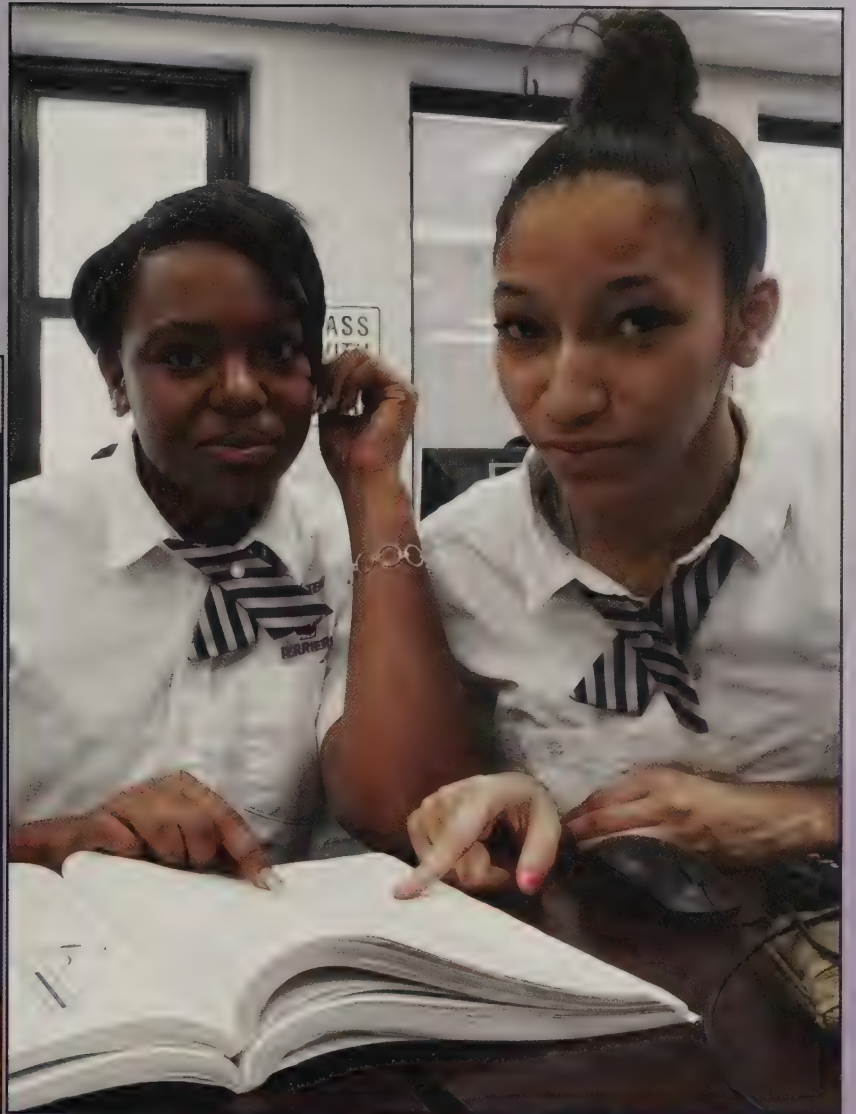


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# Cool





# SEN10R5 ONLY!

respect was  
invented to  
cover up the  
empty space  
where love  
should be - Nelly

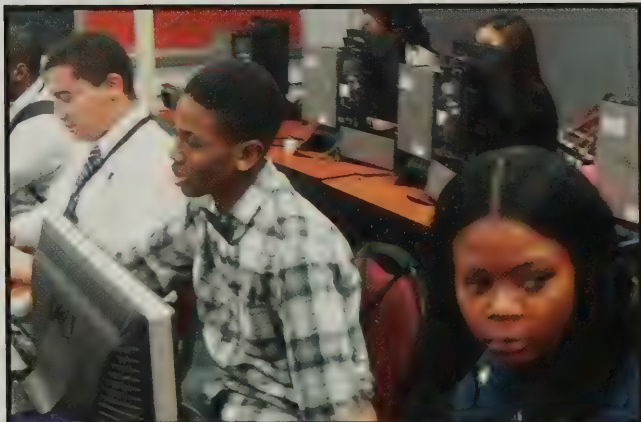
Stand your ground even if you  
standing alone - shaina

Sky is not the limit  
it's the path - shaina

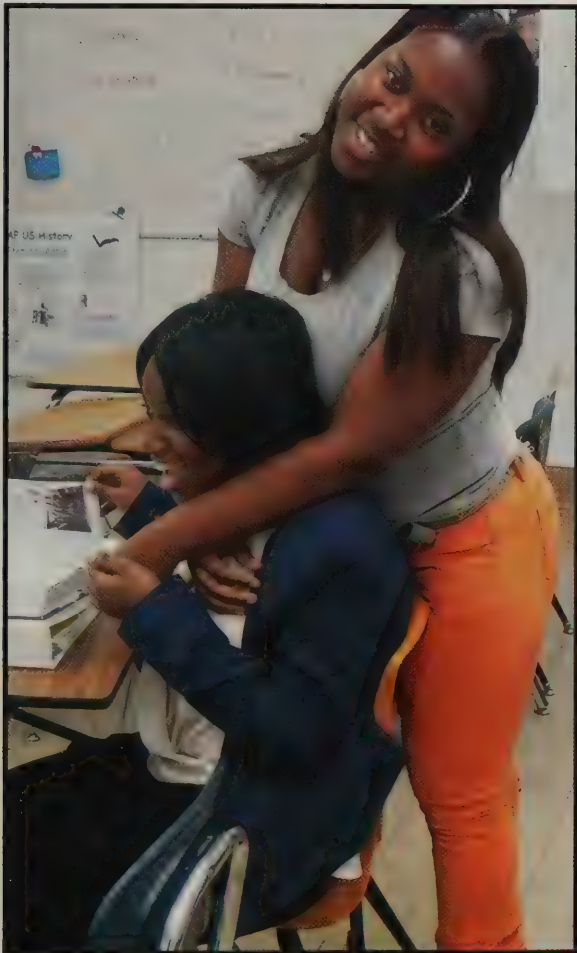
you give  
people you get  
respect - shaina

Respect is all about

## A Snapshot of NT



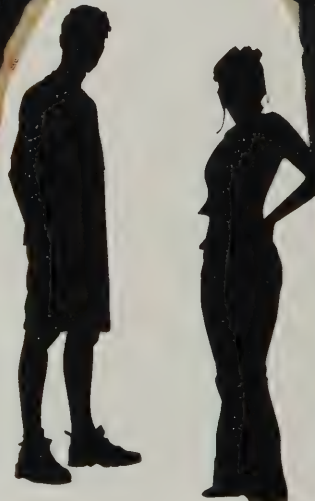




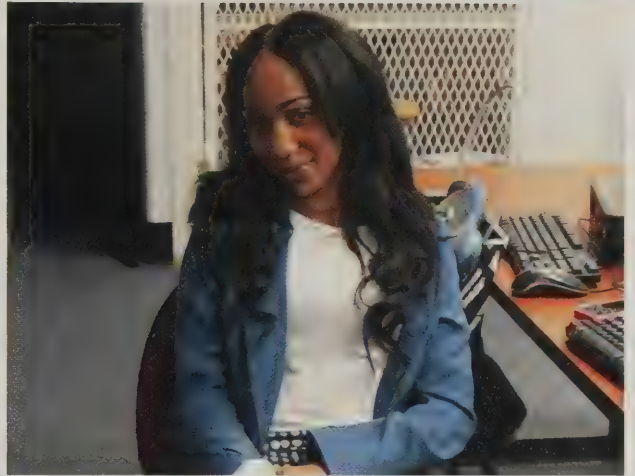


If you got it...

Flaunt it!

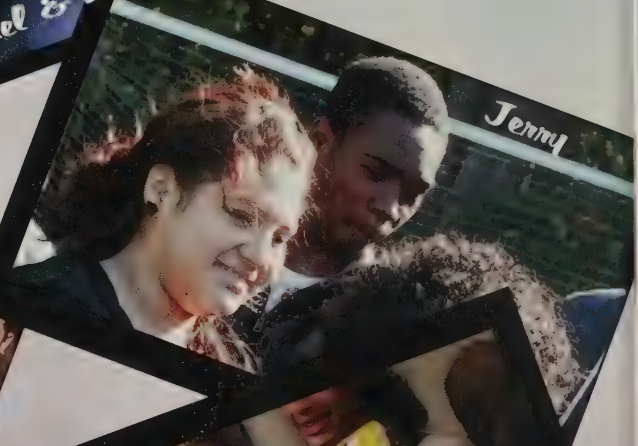








# Then 2011

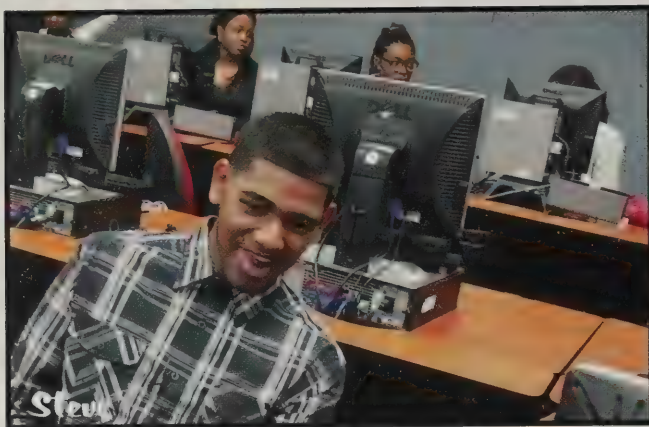




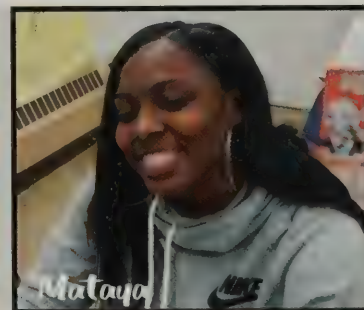
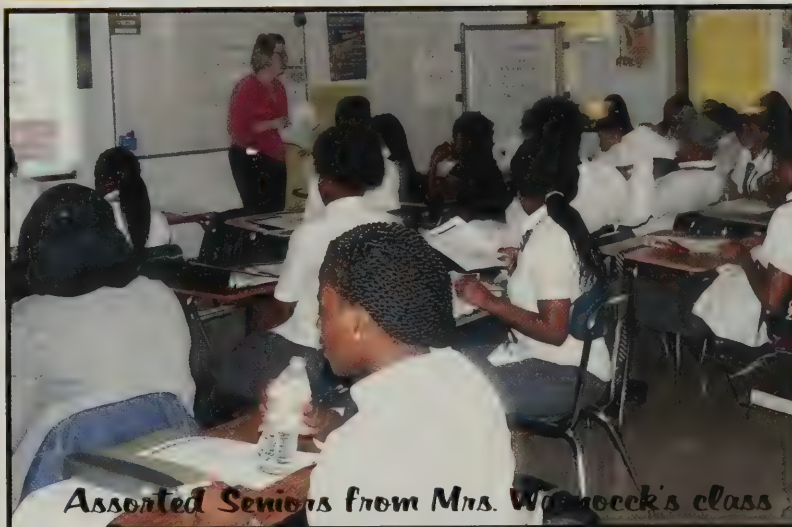
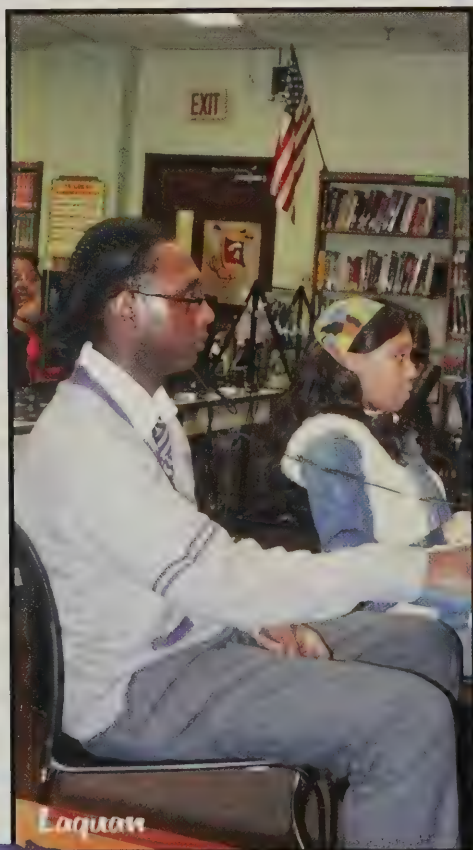
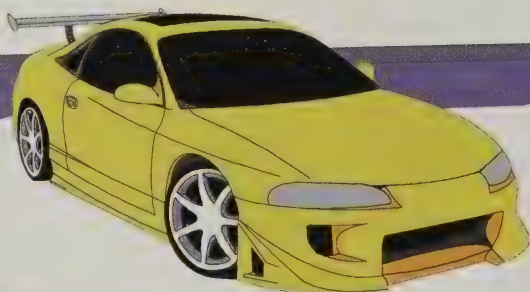
# Now 2015







# Road to Success





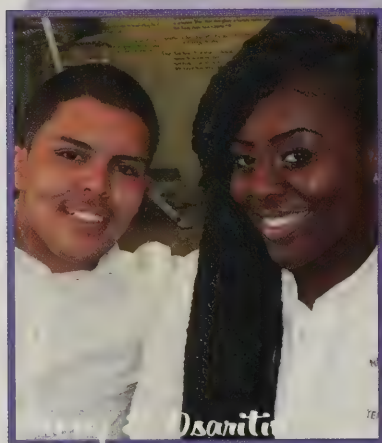




# Superlatives



*Trudie & Ben*  
Best Dressed



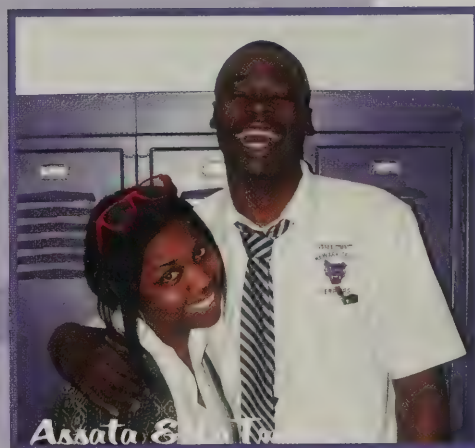
*Isaniti*  
Best Dimples



*& Anthony*  
Best Artist



*Mark & Tati*  
Best Smile



*Assata &*  
Best Laugh



*Tyler & Melanie*  
Best Dancer







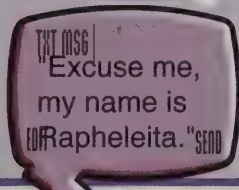
*Jdquan & Zingy*

Most Tech Savvy



*Pedro & Anaya*

Best Flirt



*Apple & Coco*

Best Nickname



*Jordan & Ledena*

Best Athlete



Best Sneakerhead



*Brittany & Al-Tank*



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Future Mr. and Mrs.



Most School Spirit



Most Likely to Succeed



Drama King and Queen



Best "Wo-mance"





Best Couple



Best Snacks



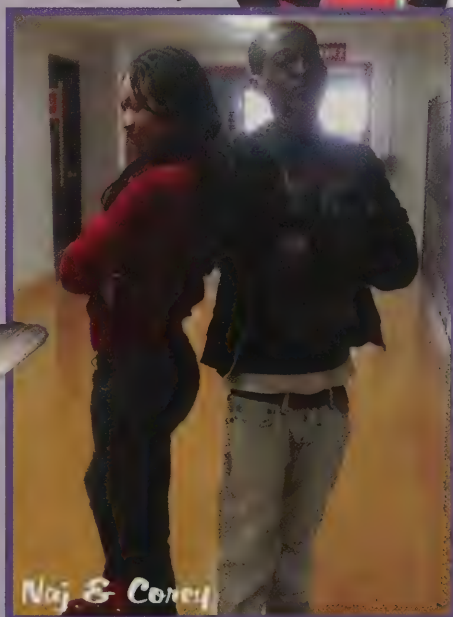
Class Clowns



Best "Bro-mance"



Best Hallway Walkers





# Softball & Baseball




*Couch Pepe and his team*











"I caught you at your best!  
Good luck with all the rest!  
I will miss you, Class of 2015"

-Ms. LaDonna





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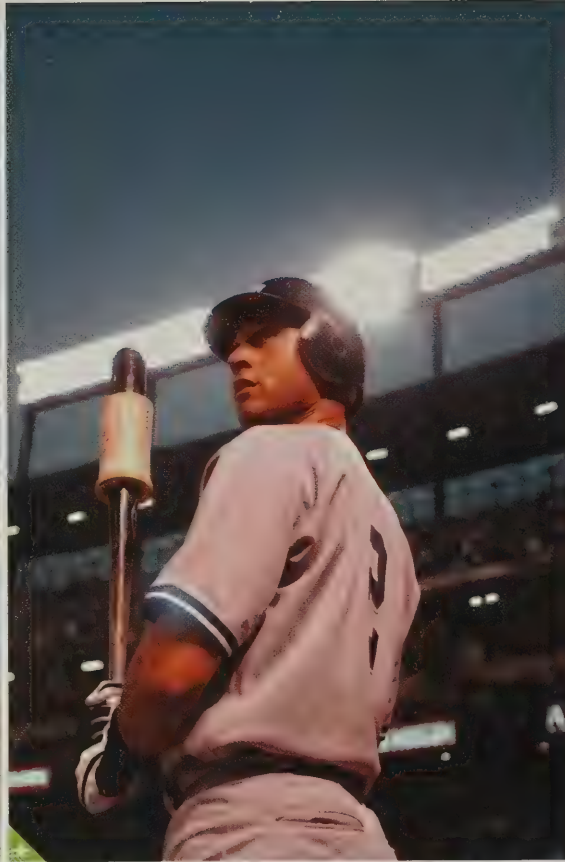




★ A spacecraft launched by the European Space Agency 10 years ago successfully landed a robotic probe on the surface of a comet. The probe, named the Philae, immediately sent back pictures and was expected to monitor the comet for four to five months.

★ SpaceShipTwo, one of the planes for Virgin Galactic's new space tourism company, crashed in the Mojave Desert during a test flight. One of the plane's two pilots was killed, and the company's test flight program was set back several months.

★ After 20 seasons, New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter retired. The 14-time All Star finished his career as the Yankees' leader in hits and games played. His final total of 3,465 hits was the most ever by a shortstop.



★ Lava from the Kilauea volcano on the big island of Hawaii destroyed a house in November, five months after the lava flow began. No one was injured. Residents had been on alert to evacuate since June, and were moving possessions out of their homes to protect them.



★ The National Football League began working with NO MORE, a national anti-domestic violence awareness campaign, after some incidents involving players came to light. One of those involved Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice, who was suspended by the NFL.

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## most popular video games

"Titanfall"  
 "Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare"  
 "Madden NFL 2015"  
 "Destiny"  
 "Grand Theft Auto V"  
 "Minecraft"  
 "NBA 2K14"  
 "The Lego Movie Videogame"  
 "Battlefield 4"

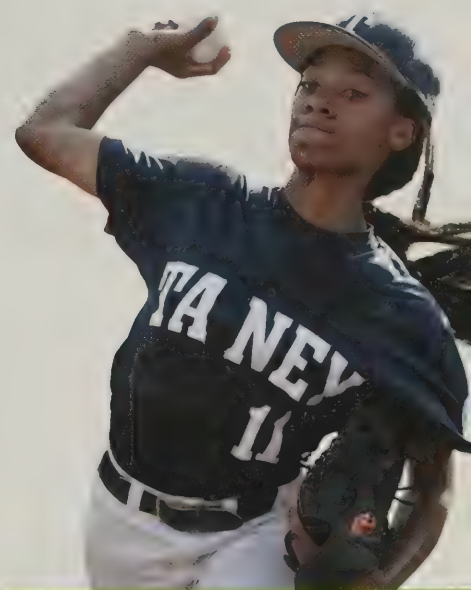


★ Fans flocked to see "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 1" around the holidays. The first of two movies scheduled to be made based on the final book in "The Hunger Games" series drew rave reviews.

★ Devoted Harry Potter fans received a special treat when author J.K. Rowling published six new short stories on the Pottermore website that provided a whole new round of backstory on the Potter world.



★ Sports fans mourned upon hearing that ESPN SportsCenter anchor Stuart Scott died Jan. 4 after a long battle with cancer. Scott worked at ESPN for more than 20 years, with several of his catchphrases becoming part of sports pop culture, including the famous, "Booyah!"

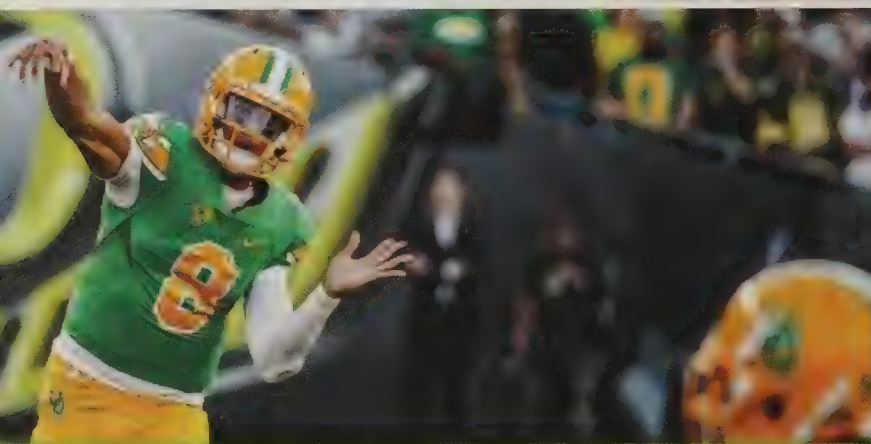
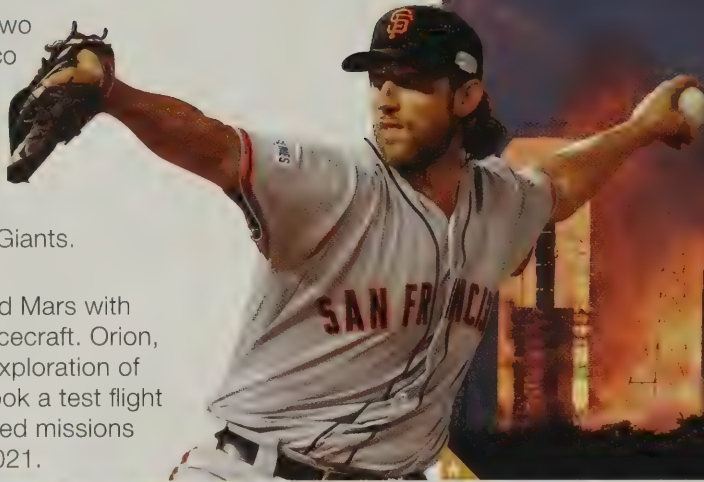


★ On the strength of her 70-mph fastball, 13-year old Mo'ne Davis became the first girl to pitch a shutout and get a win in the Little League World Series. The Associated Press named Davis, who also plays basketball and soccer for her school in Philadelphia, the Female Athlete of the Year.



★ In an unexpected matchup of two wild card teams, the San Francisco Giants defeated the Kansas City Royals in seven games to win the 2014 World Series. Madison Bumgarner pitched five shutout relief innings on two days' rest in the final game to clinch it for the Giants.

★ NASA took its first steps toward Mars with the initial launch of the Orion spacecraft. Orion, which was designed for human exploration of the moon, asteroids and Mars, took a test flight in December. It was hoped manned missions with Orion could take place by 2021.



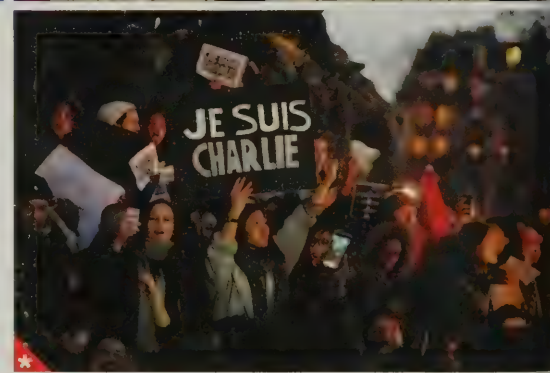
★ Oregon Ducks quarterback Marcus Mariota became the first Oregon player and the first Hawaiian to ever win the Heisman Trophy after throwing for more than 4,000 yards and 40 touchdowns.

★ Malala Yousafzai, 17, of Pakistan, received the Nobel Peace Prize for her work supporting the education of women in her country. Kailash Satyarthi of India also received the Peace Prize for his work in freeing children from forced labor. Both went about their work at great risk to their lives.

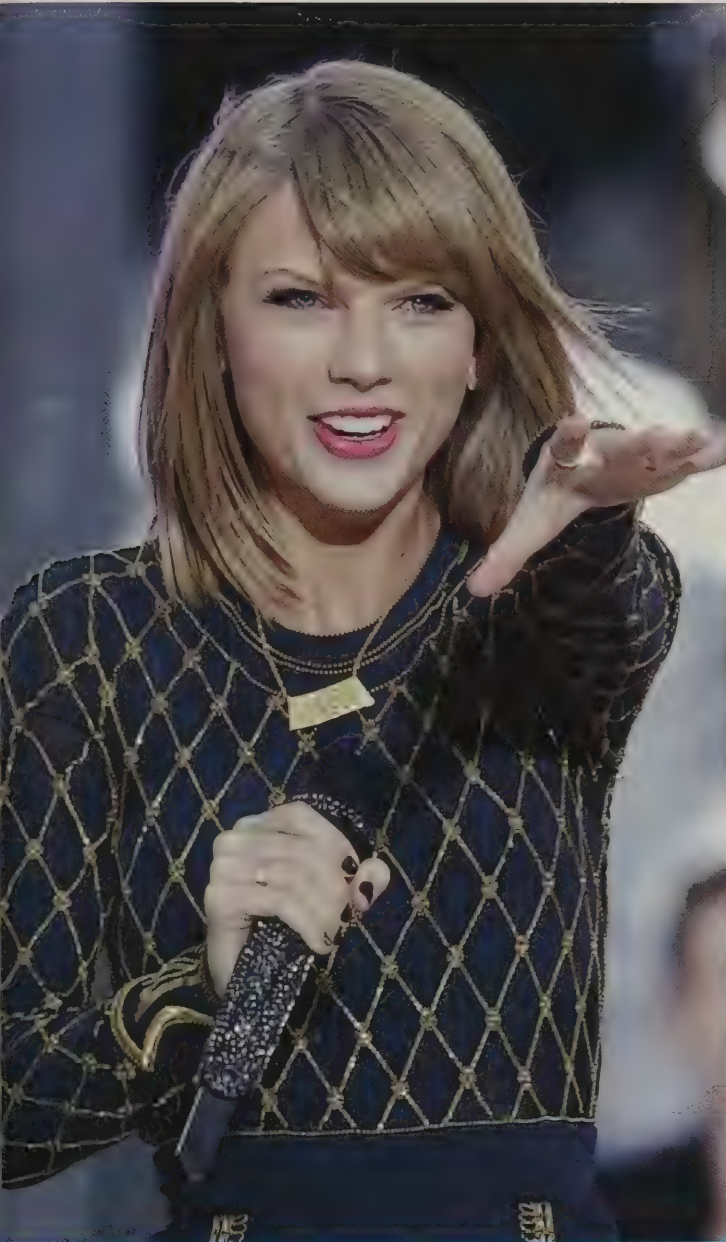


★ Teen girls were wearing dresses inches above the knee, jeans, leggings and jeggings with baby doll tops and even laced combat boots. Scarves and fringe were among the accents. Layered looks remained in style for both guys and girls. Guys were sporting jogger pants with elastic cuffs and jeans with or without rolled cuffs.

★ Marches and other forms of support appeared worldwide on behalf of the freedom of expression after a terrorist attack in Paris at the offices of "Charlie Hebdo," a satirical magazine that poked fun at many things, including Islam. The French phrase "Je suis Charlie Hebdo," which means, "I am Charlie Hebdo," became the rallying cry.







Taylor Swift released her newest album, "1989," and it sold more than a million copies in the first week, while making Swift the first artist to ever have three straight albums accomplish that feat. The first single, "Shake It Off," was the number one pop song for more than a month.



## teen choice awards winners

- ★Choice Comedian: **Kevin Hart**
- Choice Reality Show: **"The Voice"**
- Choice Rock Group: **Imagine Dragons**
- Choice R&B/Hip-Hop Artist: **Iggy Azalea**
- Choice Drama TV Show: **"Pretty Little Liars"**
- Choice Movie (Drama): **"The Fault in our Stars"**



Photo by Mike Carlson, River Ridge High School, New Port Richey, Fla.

★ A campaign to raise awareness for ALS called the Ice Bucket Challenge went viral across social media, with participants filming buckets of ice water being dumped over their heads, pledging donations, and then challenging others to do the same. The ALS Association estimated more than \$100 million was donated to its cause.

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★ President Barack Obama issued an executive order offering millions of illegal immigrants the chance to apply to stay in the U.S. temporarily if they have lived in the U.S. more than five years, have children and pass a criminal background check. Questions were raised about Obama's use of executive action versus working to get an immigration bill through Congress.

★ The nominees for Best Picture at the Oscars included "Boyhood," a coming-of-age film that was shot over the course of 12 years and showed a young boy and his sister growing up through their school years. Other nominees included "American Sniper," "Birdman," "The Imitation Game," and "Selma."

★ Ridesharing service Uber expanded to more than 200 cities. Smartphone users were able to arrange rides via the Uber app. However in many cities taxi drivers protested Uber, claiming they were avoiding the fees and restrictions taxi companies face.

★ In his first year as host, comedian Jimmy Fallon helped boost the ratings of "The Tonight Show" for the first time in years. Fallon introduced the traditional late-night show to younger viewers with comedy bits that quickly became viral video sensations.

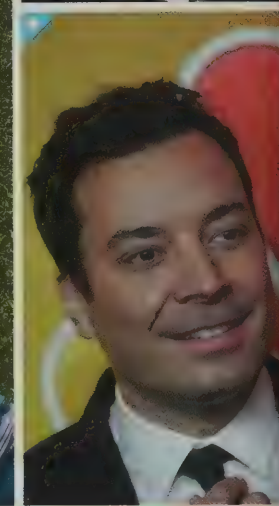
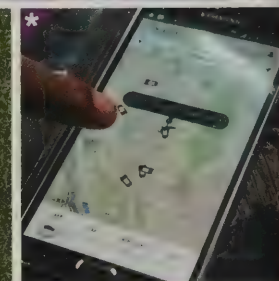
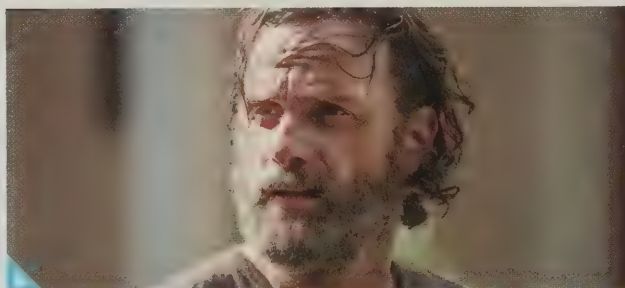


Photo from AMC Networks



★ AMC's zombie drama "The Walking Dead" continued to gain viewers. The show's season 5 premiere was watched by more than 17 million people, making it the most-watched episode in cable TV history.

★ Not many more than a year after Pharrell Williams. The singer, songwriter and producer earned six Grammy nominations, including Album of the Year for his latest album. His Williams' song "Happy" was a number one hit.

## most popular songs

1. "Happy" - Pharrell Williams
2. "All of Me" - John Legend
3. "Stay With Me" - Sam Smith
4. "Turn Down For What" - DJ Snake and Lil Jon
5. "Let It Go" - Idina Menzel

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## athletes with most twitter followers (U.S.)

1. LeBron James
2. Shaquille O'Neal
3. John Cena
4. Kobe Bryant
5. Carmelo Anthony

★ NBA superstar LeBron James shocked many by choosing to return to his hometown team, the Cleveland Cavaliers, after becoming a free agent. James began his career with seven seasons in Cleveland, before leaving to lead the Miami Heat to two NBA titles in four years.



★ California architect Greg Henderson invented a prototype hoverboard. The "Hendo" hoverboard glides just a few inches above metal surfaces using four engines that emit magnetic fields and push against each other.

★ Republicans gained control of the House and Senate in the midterm elections. Issues before Congress could include the Keystone XL pipeline, immigration and health care.



## \*midterm congressional election results

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Democrats   
 Republicans   
 Independents 

### members before

house of representatives

233

senate

54

### members after

house of representatives

244

senate

51





★ Only five northern white rhinos are left on Earth, none of them in the wild, following the death of Angalifu, a 44-year-old male rhino at the San Diego Zoo. Rhinos are hunted for their horns, which are believed to have medicinal powers.

★ Former Nickelodeon teen TV star Ariana Grande released the album "My Everything" and it hit the top of the charts. The song "Problem," a duet with Iggy Azalea, won best song at the Teen Choice Awards and Best Pop Video at the MTV Video Music Awards.

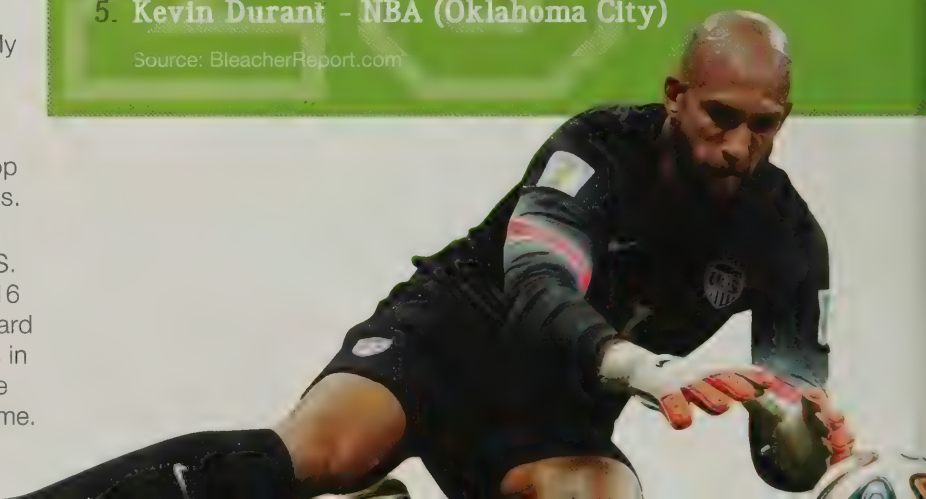
★ Goalkeeper Tim Howard led the U.S. men's soccer team into the round of 16 at the 2014 World Cup in Brazil. Howard set a World Cup record with 15 saves in the U.S. match vs. Belgium, which the Americans eventually lost 2-1 in extra time.



## best-selling sports jerseys

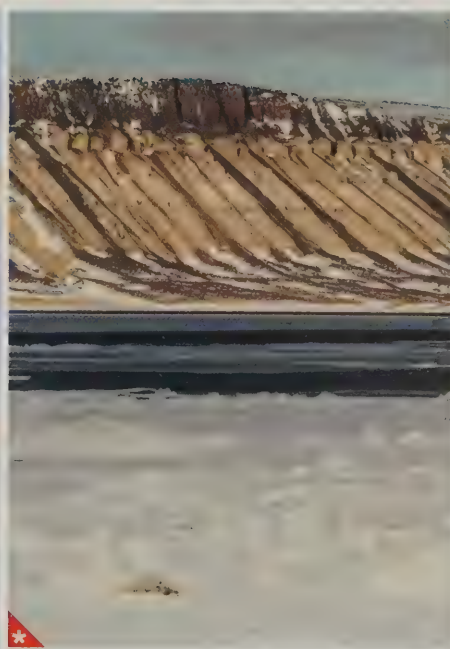
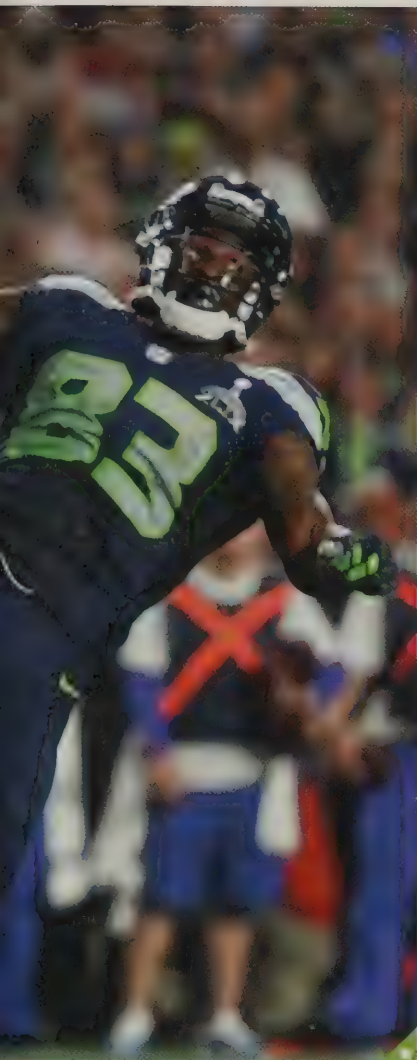
1. **LeBron James** - NBA (Cleveland/Miami)
2. **Russell Wilson** - NFL (Seattle)
3. **David Ortiz** - MLB (Boston)
4. **Sidney Crosby** - NHL (Pittsburgh)
5. **Kevin Durant** - NBA (Oklahoma City)

Source: BleacherReport.com





# year\*in review



★ Scientists declared 2014 as the hottest year on record. According to the World Meteorological Organization, 2014 was the 38th consecutive year with a higher-than-average annual global temperature.

★ Serena Williams won the U.S. Open for a record sixth time, and stayed at the top of the world rankings. Her 19 career Grand Slam tennis titles rank second, behind only Steffi Graf's 22.



★ The New England Patriots won Super Bowl XLIX, 28-24, over the Seattle Seahawks in dramatic fashion when rookie Malcolm Butler intercepted a pass in the end zone with 26 seconds left. Seattle's decision to call for a pass, rather than run, with the ball on the 1-yard line was questioned by many.

★ An outbreak of measles that health officials said began at Disneyland spread to at least 14 states. Most of the people who caught it were unvaccinated. In 2014, the Centers for Disease Control said a record 644 cases of measles in 27 states were reported, up from zero in 2000.

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## top box office movies

- 1 "Guardians of the Galaxy"
- 2 "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1"
- 3 "Captain America: The Winter Soldier"
- 4 "The LEGO Movie"
- 5 "The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies"

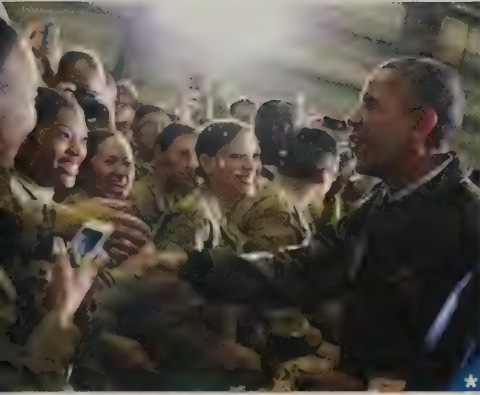
★ The latest hit movie from the Marvel universe, "Guardians of the Galaxy," earned more than \$330 million at the box office and introduced a new group of misfit superhero space characters out to save the world.

★ Bethany Mota, a teen who became a YouTube celebrity thanks to her fashion videos and own clothing line, was chosen to be a contestant on "Dancing With the Stars" and a guest judge on "Project Runway."





# year\*in review



★ While the U.S. combat role in Afghanistan ended in December, about 11,000 U.S. troops remained there as support for Afghan forces. The United States has had troops in Afghanistan for more than 13 years, since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

★ Movie studio Sony Pictures lost confidential data when hackers hacked into the company's systems. Sony's film "The Interview," a comedy starring James Franco and Seth Rogen, was leaked online. Internal belief in its release date, along with several emails from studio executives.



★ President Obama announced the U.S. would begin diplomatic relations with Cuba, lifting some travel and economic restrictions that had been in place since 1961 against the island nation 90 miles south of Miami.



★ American teens today are not as lonely as their parents were when they were teens, according to a study published in the Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin. The study showed that even though teens spend a lot of time alone with their smart phones and computers and make fewer close friends, they are slightly less lonely and more independent.

★ British singer Sam Smith reached stardom when his debut album, "Money on My Mind," became a huge seller and he received six Grammy nominations. Smith's song, "Stay With Me" was one of the biggest hits of the year.

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★ Health officials struggled to contain the Ebola epidemic, which began in West Africa. A few cases were treated in the U.S. Of those, two people died, but among the survivors was Nina Pham, a nurse who caught Ebola while treating a patient with the disease.

★ iPhone sales surpassed 500 million devices as Apple released the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus. The newest iPhones came with the largest screen size to date, and an improved camera.



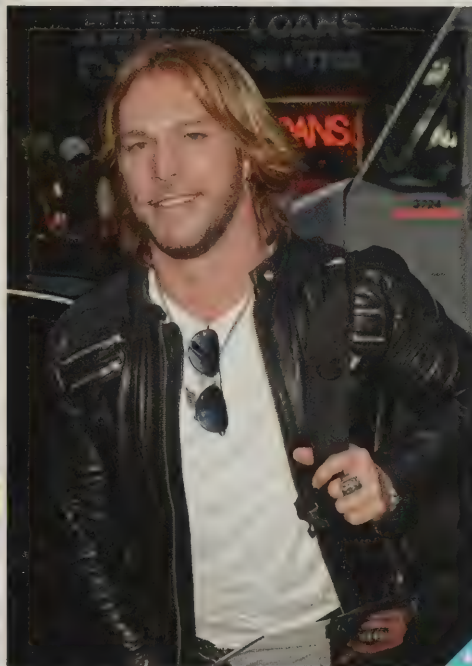
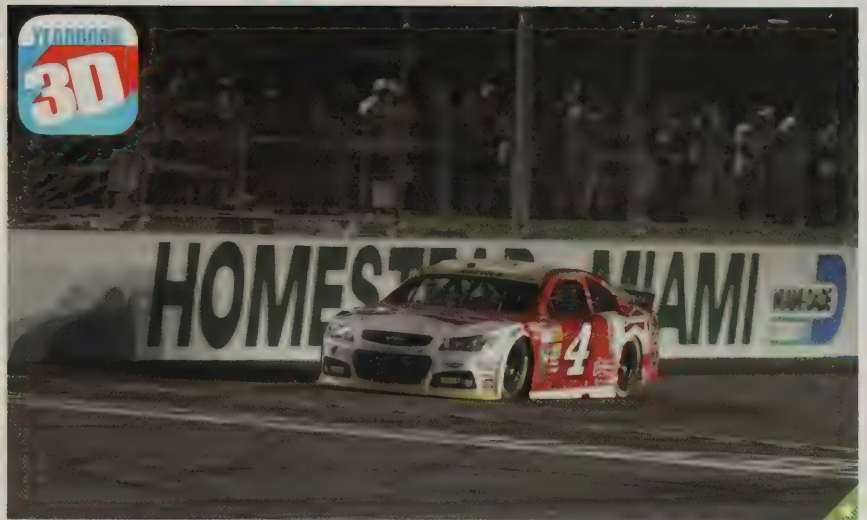
★ Denver's Peyton Manning became the NFL's all-time leader in touchdown passes during the Broncos' Oct. 19 win over San Francisco. Manning's record-setting 509th touchdown pass to Demaryius Thomas allowed him to break the old record set by Brett Favre.



★ Three teens from Ireland – Ciarán Judge, Emer Hickey and Sophie Healy-Thow – won the top prize at the Google Science Fair for their idea to help solve world hunger. The science students researched nitrogen-fixing bacteria that could reduce the germination time of certain crops.



# year\*in review



★ NASCAR driver Kevin Harvick won the first Sprint Cup championship of his career at the final race of the season in Homestead, Fla. Harvick clinched it by holding off Ryan Newman in a three-lap dash to the finish.

★ Country singer Craig Wayne Boyd was chosen the winner on season 7 of "The Voice." Boyd's song, "My Baby's Got a Smile on Her Face," which he performed on the show's finale, hit number one on the U.S. country charts.

★ California experienced its third straight year of drought conditions, before heavy rainstorms finally hit in December. Many lakes and creeks dried up, while water restrictions were in place for residents all over the state.



★ Rory McIlroy kept his status as the number one golfer in the world by winning the British Open, the PGA Championship and leading Europe to a victory in the 2014 Ryder Cup.

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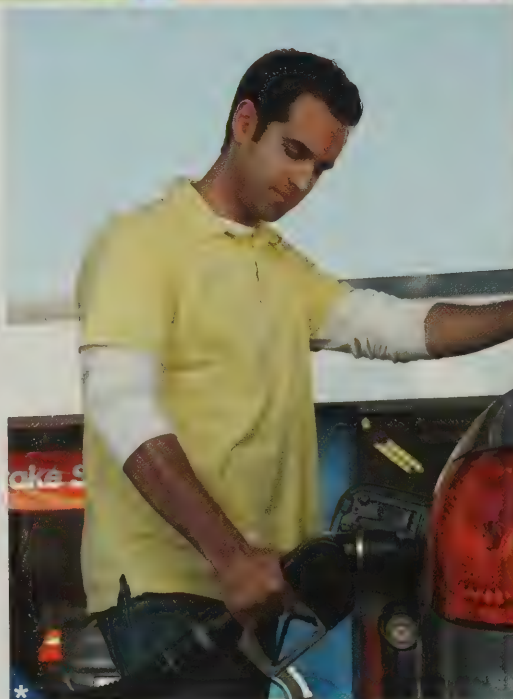
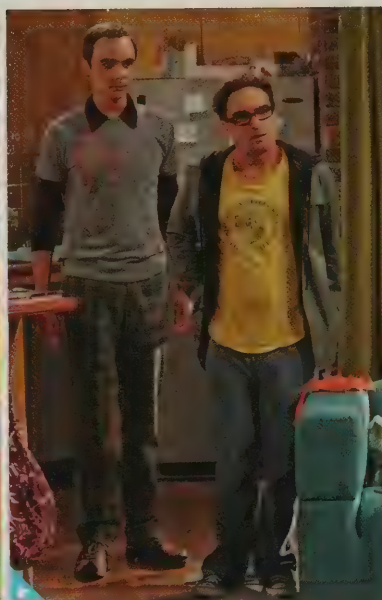




★ The Ohio State Buckeyes won the first-ever College Football Playoff, defeating the Oregon Ducks, 42-20, in the national championship game. Third-string quarterback Cardale Jones led the way for the Buckeyes in the final three games, after Ohio State's top two quarterbacks went out with injuries.

★ Sitcom "The Big Bang Theory" continued to gain in popularity and was once again among the most-watched shows on network TV, averaging more than 20 million viewers each week.

★ Gas prices dropped for a while, hitting a low not seen for four years. A mid-December survey by Lundberg showed a price range of \$2.82 per gallon in New York City down to \$2.06 in Tulsa, with prices below \$2.00 in parts of Oklahoma and Missouri early in 2015.



## average gas prices

(as of 2/23/15)

Missouri

\$2.14/gallon

Arizona

\$2.24/gallon

Florida

\$2.33/gallon

New York

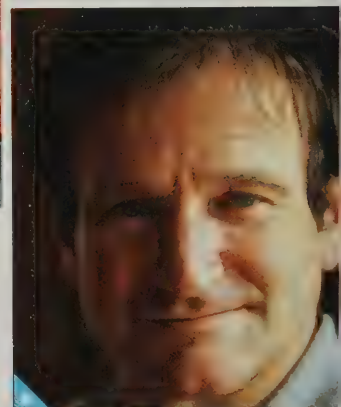
\$2.48/gallon

Hawaii

\$3.03/gallon



Source: [fuelgaugereport.aaa.com](http://fuelgaugereport.aaa.com)



★ Fans were shocked and saddened by the death of actor and comedian Robin Williams. Williams' popular movies included "Good Will Hunting," "Mrs. Doubtfire" and "Dead Poets Society."





★ The video game Minecraft, which allows players to build structures and explore worlds made out of 3D cubes, passed the 60 million sales mark across all platforms, making it one of the best-selling video games of all time. Early development also began on the first Minecraft movie.

★ Scientists discovered dinosaur fossils in Argentina for what they believed was the largest animal that ever walked on land. Named the Dreadnoughtus, it weighed around 65 tons and stood 30 feet tall.

★ Lauren Hill, a freshman basketball player for Mount St. Joseph University in Cincinnati, Ohio, took the court to play in the team's first game despite having an inoperable brain tumor. Hill's inspirational story spread through social media and helped raise more than \$1 million for cancer research.

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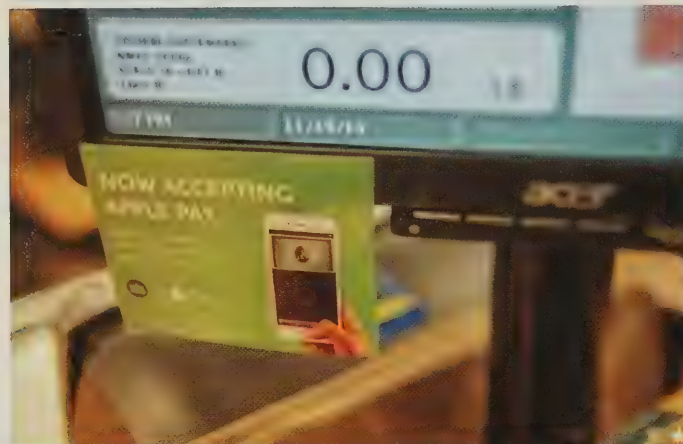
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★ New York Giants receiver Odell Beckham Jr. made one of the more memorable plays of the year in November when he jumped up to make a one-handed, fingertip catch in the end zone on Sunday Night Football against the Dallas Cowboys.

★ In November, areas of Buffalo, N.Y., received up to seven feet of lake-effect snow in four days in November. People were trapped in their houses and vehicles, and roofs collapsed. In a two-week period in January and February, Boston received more than 75 inches of snow, with more on the way.



★ It was a bad winter for the flu across the U.S. The primary flu virus the annual flu shot was created to prevent, known as H3N2, mutated by the time the vaccine was ready to be used. The flu shot offered people some protection, but the H3N2 virus spread rampantly across the country.



★ The NBA's San Antonio Spurs hired retired WNBA player Becky Hammon as an assistant coach, making her the first full-time female coach in NBA history. During her playing days, Hammon was a 6-time WNBA All Star and a college All-American.



★ Apple unveiled its first mobile payment system, called Apple Pay, which allowed users with Apple devices to make credit and debit payments at certain locations, essentially replacing their plastic credit cards.

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